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New & NoteworthyANN MILLER –
Aquatic Education Coordinator

Please join me in welcoming two new members of our Aquatic Education team: Sara Warnicke, our administrative assistant, and Robert Ramirez, our inventory specialist. Sara comes to us from Washington state and Idaho, where she worked with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Moscow, Idaho. Sara's husband of five years, Kurt, is an Officer Recruiter for the Army National Guard. They just bought a house on 8-1/2 acres near Lockhart. Sara has already become a certified Angler Education instructor and assisted at our annual Area Chief meeting, where she pitched right in like a pro. We feel very grateful to have Sara, who is a quick study, learning the intricacies of our data systems and helping with the bookkeeping that keeps our program running smoothly. Sara is that sweet voice you might get when I'm not in the office. Be extra nice to her because we want to keep her happy!

We also want to keep Robert happy. Robert Ramirez is our crackerjack in the warehouse. He has already created order out of our warehouse mayhem and has sent out your orders for materials faster than we imagined possible. We can count on Robert to keep us up to date on our inventory of equipment and provide that all-important check on our loaner trunks and kits at headquarters. Although he was born in Madrid, Spain, and grew up in California, Robert has lived in Austin for over 13 years now. Robert's love for the outdoors is firmly rooted in the beautiful

*(Continued on page 2)***Katy ISD Fishes –
The WOW! Factor**

ANN MILLER – Aquatic Education Coordinator

With five elementary schools, one middle school and a high-school fishing club turning out young anglers at a phenomenal rate, I could only say "WOW!" as I talked with Mark Fobian at his Griffin Fifth-Grade Fishing Field Day on April 10. The WOW factor came as I began to understand the scope of fishing in Katy ISD.

Although the weather threatened rain all day and went into a heavy drizzle at one point, the event at the Katy Outdoor Learning Center went on without a hitch. Parent volunteers weighed, measured and tagged many catfish that day. The fish tagging program, which to my knowledge is unique in a school district, is being used as a science and math investigation. The data taken each time a fish is caught and tagged is logged into a database. Then, when that tagged fish is caught again, growth of the fish can be determined. Using math in a real-world situation—what a great way to learn! The students who had already been through TPWD's Junior Angler program also got to search for bugs in the water to determine water quality, watch a fish dissection to learn about fish anatomy, eat some freshly fried catfish and create a "fishy" T-shirt. Learning about boating safety with Phil Steffen rounded out the day. Overall, I heard the shouts of excitement at the catfish pond as kids caught fish.

After that, I visited with principal, Keiko Davidson, and her dedicated staff, Becky Sesin, Carrie Lowery, Karen Thornton, Lynne Malfitano, Brenda Shaver and Nakia Coy at Hutsell Elementary.

(Continued on page 3)Hutsell Elementary
staff on fishing day.

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desert, mountain and ocean scenery he enjoyed as a youth in California. Robert and his wife, Victoria, have four sons, ages 18, seven, four and eight months. We should give Victoria a standing ovation for putting up with all those males in her household!

When you get a chance, give Sara and Robert a call or send them an e-mail to welcome them.

Our newest major piece of equipment, the *Take Me Fishing* interpretive trailer, made its debut at the Area Chief meeting. (See pages 4 and 5 for photos and more details.) This trailer will enhance our ability to reach new audiences with several very key Aquatic Education messages. With some of our standard (and some new) basic fishing activities to enhance the beautiful graphics and freshwater and saltwater dioramas in the trailer, we hope the *Take Me Fishing* trailer will be an effective tool to recruit new anglers. As we develop the calendar of events for this traveling exhibit, keep me informed about major fishing initiatives in your area that might be a good venue for this traveling exhibit.



Congratulations to the 2008 Texas State-Fish Art Contest Winners!



BY KEVIN HOPPER

The contest is sponsored by **Wildlife Forever**. Prizes and travel are provided courtesy of the **Toyota Texas Bass Classic**. Each entrant in the Texas contest also received a free fishing lure from **Strike King Lure Company**.

GRADES 10-12:

- 1st Place: Kevin Hopper, 12th grade, Athens High School, Athens
- 2nd Place, Cali Stewart, 11th grade, home-schooled, Fort Worth
- 3rd Place, Kaitlin Andress, 12th grade, Athens High School, Athens

GRADES 7-9:

- 1st Place: Madeline Aguilar, 9th grade, Wylie East High School, Wylie
- 2nd Place, Bonnie Leung, 8th grade, Lake Travis Middle School, Austin
- 3rd Place, Trent Kelley, 9th grade, Quitman High School, Quitman

GRADES 4-6:

- 1st Place: Rama Imad, 5th grade, Falcon Pass Elementary School, Houston
- 2nd Place: Dominic Nedzelskyi, 4th grade, home-schooled, Keller
- 3rd Place: August McBride, 6th grade, New Diana Middle School, Diana

Good luck to all three first-place winners, who will be competing in the national competition at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July. To learn more about the contest or to see winning designs, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishart

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Area Chiefs Receive Honors

We would like to honor the following Area Chiefs for their outstanding service to Angler Education in training other instructors.

Gold Award – trained over 50 new instructors • Silver Award – trained over 25 new instructors • Bronze Award – trained over 10 new instructors

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE		
Mark Fobian	James Galpin III	Chuck Ganze	Molly Cunningham	Brenda Shaver
Scott Johnson	Tere Ramirez	Larry Larson	Jesus Franco, Jr.	Gilbert Duran
Scot McClure	Ed Gerhardt	Bob Vela	Robert Ibarra	Larry Hysmith
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	Rey Ramirez			

Katy ISD Fishes, continued

“WOW!” It hit me again as Keiko inspired me with her leadership at Hutsell. Under Keiko, the staff’s common mission is to bring together the families and the community for the benefit of their kids by “engaging their hearts and minds.” They believe that their fishing program is a perfect tool for doing just that. And, for a school with over 70 percent of their stu-



dents designated by TEA as “at risk,” their scores prove that they are excelling in their mission. This year, 97 percent of Hutsell Elementary third-graders passed the TAKS test the first time they took it, while 95 percent of their fifth-graders passed it the first time. “WOW!” How many Title One schools can make that boast?

How do Keiko and her staff provide that engagement of hearts and minds? Their spirit of fun, cooperation and dedication to the kids enveloped me as I talked with this “dream team,” as Keiko affectionately referred to her teachers. All staff members have a monogrammed polo shirt that they wear on certain “fishing” days. They do morning announcements that capture the kids’ interest and have small giveaways and prizes that keep everyone guessing who will be the next winner. They get the local Rotary Club and the PTA involved. Each of those organizations provides volunteers and some funding for transportation to fishing venues, bait and prizes. Banners and posters announce special fishing

events and keep their fishing program “top of the mind.” In addition, Hutsell Elementary was awarded a grant from the Future Fisherman Foundation that they used to help them purchase the fishing equipment they needed.

Of course, Texas Parks and Wildlife played a role, too. Kevin Cunningham provided continued support at events and helped with logistics while game wardens provided safety checks before fishing. Sportfish Restoration Act funds were spent to provide literature, pins and certificates for the students and their families.

With over 24 of their staff trained as Volunteer Angler Education Instructors, Keiko’s staff also relied on the district’s P.E. and Health Curriculum Specialist, Kathy Cammarata, to support them with substitute teachers when they needed them during field trip days.

Then, there is the Taylor High School Fishing Club, sponsored by Lisa Fobian, Teen Leadership teacher. The Taylor High School fishing club is so popular that it has grown to 52 students, with 20 really active members. Those students host a fishing tournament each year at Peckham Park for all the elementary students. In addition, they help the district’s elementary teachers with over 10 of their fishing field trips, which include well over 1,000 students. Ten of those fishing club members competed at Fayette County Reservoir in February. The Katy Bassmasters organized a parent/child fishing tournament for 10 of the Taylor High School students who were certified both in Angler Ed and Boater Ed. The students competed for first-, second- and third-place trophies and tackle donated by Bass Pro Shops.

The network of people involved in Katy ISD’s fishing programs—all to help the kids—is the basis of their success. And, the program continues to grow as more schools, teachers, parents, students and community volunteers in the district get involved. What started out as Mark Fobian’s innovative fishing program at Golbow Elementary in 2003 has grown into a self-sustaining part of the curriculum in Katy ISD with seven schools and many partners.

Area Chiefs School at Parrie Haynes

KAREN MARKS – Aquatic Education Specialist

Greeted by cook/Angler Ed volunteer David Murphy and a large smoking pit full of delicious barbecue, a hungry crew of Aquatic Education staff and volunteers from across the state gathered at Parrie Haynes Ranch on a Friday evening in late April to kick off the annual Area Chief meeting.

In addition to our two new staff members, Sara and Robert, 28 volunteers gathered this year for a weekend of networking, learning opportunities and merriment. The vast geographical areas of the great state of Texas were well-represented by volunteers from across the state, including the far-west town of El Paso, Brownsville to the south, Amarillo to the north, Lufkin and Houston to the east, and many locales in between.

Saturday morning began with breakfast and a short, fun icebreaker followed by several informative presentations. Nancy Herron, TPWD Outdoor Learning Programs Manager, demonstrated the seamless connectivity of the Texas' Angler Education programs with the National Wildlife and Conservation efforts. John Herron, Director of Conservation Programs at the Texas Nature Conservancy, presented "It Ain't Easy Being Green: Compromises and Trade-Offs in Conservation" and Ernie Gammage, Urban Outdoors Program (UOP) Branch Chief spoke about some new and exciting Expo opportunities related to the fishing areas.

Informative updates on unique program innovations were presented on Saturday and Sunday by volunteers Ed Gerhardt (Houston), Executive Director of the Junior Anglers and Hunters of America (www.jraha.org), and Harold Stearns (El Paso) of the Ascarate Fishing Club.

After lunch on Saturday, folks stepped outside to view the grand debut of the *Take Me Fishing* Angler Education trailer. The trailer was conceived by Ann Miller and designed by some very talented contractors, Julie Coombes, interpretive planner, and Tammy West, graphic designer. Key concepts represented in the panels include stewardship, safety, basic equipment and fish habitats. Two beautiful dioramas with vivid taxidermic fish models depict typical freshwater and saltwater habitats. The traveling exhibit and accompanying interpretive activities were designed to recruit and engage young audiences and their families at large regional aquatic venues across the state.

The afternoon continued with a presentation by Rafe Brock, TPWD Fisheries biologist, who spoke about the Inland Fisheries Division Neighborhood Fishing Program. Designed to offer family fishing opportunities close to home for city-dwelling Texans, this program frequently stocks 10 community lakes with catfish in summer and rainbow trout in winter. These communities include Amarillo, Austin, College Station, Duncanville, Hurst, Katy, San Angelo, San Antonio, Waco and Wichita Falls.

Advanced training sessions were offered Saturday afternoon and included Intro to Fly Tying with Martin Pursch (Fredericksburg), Intro to Fly Casting with Walter McLendon (Lufkin), Fisheries Management with Paul Hammerschmidt (TPWD Coastal Fisheries Division) and Algal Blooms with Joan Glass (TPWD Pollution Biologist). The presentations will be available on our Angler Ed Instructor Resources Web site. Aquatic Education staff-led sessions included Macroinvertebrates and Water Quality with Ann Miller, Saltwater Fishing Tactics with



Kevin Cunningham and Nature Photography with Karen Marks. Instructors who attended the Fly Fishing and Water Quality sessions were able to obtain certification to become a Fly Fishing Instructor.

A new array of Angler Education Awards was bestowed on several deserving Area Chiefs. For a list of awardees, see page 3. The afternoon was capped off with some free time for visiting, fishing or just a chance to digest all of the day's messages and lessons. For a few tenacious anglers, the Lampasas River finally yielded a couple of bluegills and a bass or two.

Although thunderheads threatened, the rain held off long enough for all to enjoy the evening entertainment around the campfire with fishy music creatively composed by Steve Campbell and accompanied by guitarist and UOP Branch Chief Ernie Gammage. Campfire spectators contributed their vocal chords and various back-up instruments, including a tambourine, maracas and a fish-shaped guiro (see photo to the right).

Volunteer instructors took the opportunity Sunday morning to become trained as Area Chiefs. Meanwhile, experienced Area Chiefs gathered to discuss many topics, including volunteer recruitment and retention, and ideas for improving the AED Instructor Web page.

The Area Chief meetings are a great opportunity to network with staff and other

volunteer instructors, share your ideas and suggestions for program improvements, and reel in the tools and training to help you share your passion for fishing. For staff, it is always a joy to personally connect with each of you and hear about the work YOU do in your communities. We thank each and every one for your dedication and enthusiasm for the Angler Education program.



Fish were in song and even in our musical instruments at Saturday night's sing-along.





With Baited Breath

STEVE CAMPBELL
Aquatic Education –
North Texas/
Panhandle

Fishing Toys

There is an old adage, “The only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys.” Of course this is oft heard from the lips of an annoyed woman, but recently I have begun to understand the intent of this expression.

I was pushing my shopping cart through my favorite grocery store and turned down the aisle exhibiting seasonal merchandise. I rolled past the various over-priced lawn ornaments. I squeaked by an enormous selection of untold brands of sun block and moisturizers. Eventually my cart came to rest amid the pool toys.

My eyes played across the shelves of brightly colored packages containing items designed to entertain children in and alongside swimming pools. Among these articles were toys shaped like miniature submarines. These are what I call “retrieval toys”—toys designed to sink to the bottom so that children can “snorkel” the bottom of the pool, find the object, and return it to the surface.

As a child I adored this activity. My aunts would take us to the community pool on hot summer days. They would pitch pennies into the water so that I could find them. And I was good at it, but as my eyes grew more irritated by the pool’s chlorine, my vision blurred even more and the game proved more difficult. Eventually the pennies would become almost impossible to find, and after I had lost the last penny, my aunts would then toss in small stones.

Once my head slipped below the surface, I imagined myself as Mike Nelson in an episode of Sea Hunt. I was pretty good at providing my own sound effects and could imitate the sound of the scuba exhaust with a great deal of accuracy. However, the voice-over narration was a bit too difficult and I discovered a valuable lesson: It’s not a good idea to try to talk underwater.

My mind returned to reality and the pool toy aisle at Kroger’s. I now found my gaze transfixed on a truly unique item. Looking past the myriad floating pool toys, the inflatable rafts, swim goggles, water pistols of various calibers, and vividly hued water balloons, I saw it.

Sealed within its plastic encasement, hanging from its cold metal peg, was the coolest toy **ever!** The product in question is called a Reel Fish™.

Reel Fish is a plastic, battery-operated largemouth bass and comes equipped with a very short rod with a solitary line guide at its tip. The reel is also constructed of bright yellow molded plastic. There is a small round, red and white bobber on the line as well as a small, flat chunk of plastic that is difficult for me to adequately describe. Suffice it to say, this indescribable hunk of plastic serves as the bait.

When the mouth of the Reel Fish is examined closely, one can see that a strip of clear plastic is attached to the roof of the mouth and set forward on the upper jaw. The edge has been cut in an exaggerated serrated manner to resemble teeth; these “teeth” look like something out of a comic book.

According to the packaging, the head is tilted back and four AA batteries inserted within; in order to ensure that the compartment is watertight, Phillips-head screws are employed. One simply flips a switch, which is located on the belly immediately behind the pectoral fins, and places the Reel Fish into a body of water—a swimming pool comes to mind. The plastic largemouth begins to swim through the water. The chemical properties of the specific water body the Reel Fish swims through will determine the depth at which it will swim.

The bobber is adjusted so that the plastic bait is below the surface at a depth sufficient to enter the fish’s mouth. Two small white pegs can be inserted into the mouth to help guide the bait into the mouth of the Reel Fish.

“OK Steve, big dee-aal. It’s a battery-operated pool toy shaped like a fish. Is that the best you can do in this issue?” No doubt these very words are flashing through Ann’s mind as she reads this.

I’ve saved the coolest feature for last. Are you ready?

This “silly” pool toy comes with a smart chip. The moment its movement is challenged by the resistance of the line, the smart chip kicks in and goes into “‘Dart Away’ Action!” It says so, right on the box! A mechanical fish that fights!

Field trials have yet to be conducted, but the project appears to have great potential—a clever toy for this grown-up boy.

Fish on!



PHOTO BY MARK PYLE

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McKinney Trout Derby Brings Smiles

MIKE HOWES – Area Chief

The City of McKinney Parks and Recreation held their annual Trout Derby event at Town Lake. The event is always held in late February so that the water will be cold enough for the trout to survive. Last year it was so cold that we had to launch a rowboat and break up the ice. Some of the kids who had never seen ice over water were a little confused when they saw their bobbers bouncing and skipping across the ice.

Not this year! We had a stiff, cold north wind that kept our hoods up, but no ice. There were hundreds of people who came to fish, drink hot chocolate, and eat hot dogs. Dick's Sporting Goods donated \$3,000 worth of prizes. McDonalds gave out goodie bags while photography and awards were provided by Buzz Photography.

Texas Parks and Wildlife brought in the fish from their Rainbow Trout stocking program. Volunteers Bruce Highsmith and his buddy Carl have helped weigh and measure fish every year that McKinney has had the Derby. These guys are not only good at weighing and measuring fish, but they were great at getting excited when kids brought up their fish and encouraging them to go back and get more.



The Colony Bass Club members walked around the pond and helped where needed. The Colony Bass Club has been a family bass club since 1979. Information about the club can be found at www.TheColonyBassClub.org



I was in charge of the Casting Contest. Participants were divided into two groups by age: 10 and under, and 11 and over. For targets, I used four different colored oval shaped targets on the ground. The targets were roughly 10 x 8 inches in size, and they had a point value of 1, 3, 5, and 7. All targets were in a straight line with 1 point for the closest target and 7 points for the farthest. There were 36 entries: 16 in the "10 and under" group and 20 in the "11 and over" group. Each contestant got four casts, and everyone got their choice of a bag of Skittles or Peanut M&Ms after their turn.



If anyone in north Dallas area needs help putting on their own casting contest or fishing event, or if anyone in outlying areas just needs some ideas, Mike Howes can be reached at home at (972) 562-1698 or by cell at (469) 450-7820.

Outdoor Adventure — An Adventure In Collaboration

How do successful collaborations come about? Sometimes the lengthy series of meetings, phone calls, scheduling nightmares and e-mails can obscure the steps, but one thing is certain. It takes a lot of patience and persistence. Ed Gerhardt, President of Junior Anglers and Hunters of America (JrAHA), is a TPWD partner with both of those attributes and a vision of bringing outdoor adventure to inner city youth, starting in Houston.

With a well-established track record as a partner in Angler Education, Ed began to see that Houston Independent School District (HISD) would be key to bringing youth and families to his planned outdoor recreation facility in downtown Houston (see *Reel Lines*, July, 2007). As with most good collaborations, it happened that Rose Haggerty, HISD Physical Education Curriculum Director, had already contacted Ann Miller about incorporating fishing, boating and archery instruction into their Outdoor Adventure curriculum at Houston ISD high schools. Rose had a desire to provide alternatives and new experiences to HISD youth, many of whom had few opportunities to try those lifelong sports. With Ed taking the lead in moving the collaboration along, a timeline for implementation of the project began to take form.

Many challenges had to be addressed. How can instruction be provided to large classes of kids with the limited staffing at most of the schools? How can teachers be trained in these programs when their schedules are already packed? How can the necessary equipment be provided for each school? How can we take the students fishing to practice their newly-acquired skills? How can we motivate both teachers and students to make this project a success?

What resulted was a spring pilot project involving Chavez High School with leader teacher Joseph Cordova, Madison High School with lead teacher Felicia Ceaser-White, and the School for Law Enforcement with lead teacher Elaine Gomez. Other teachers who helped with field trips included Amelia Lockhart, Pat Reinecke and Anthony Fields from Madison High School, and Claudia Cardenas, Gia Gonzalez, Marion Gay and Kevin Pullum from Chavez.

Challenges were met one by one. First, teachers from each of the schools were certified in Archery, Angler and Boater Education in a two-day training session. Next, Ed and Kevin Cunningham, along with a cadre of volunteers, began working with individual teachers to teach students archery, fishing and safe boating. Equipment challenges were met by scheduling each of the schools at different times for each of the three sports. Planning, organizing and scheduling fishing field trips took hours of Ed's time.

And the motivation for both students and teachers came naturally as high-school students began to reconnect with their innate curiosity

about the natural world. Although initially resistant to the new curriculum, the "playing it cool" attitude soon wore off as arrows struck targets and backyard bass weighed in. And, of course, the promise of a fishing trip at the end of the fishing unit and the competition at the end of the archery unit increased both the excitement and the desire to learn new skills.



Several students caught their first fish and created some lasting memories both for themselves and for staff who were helping.



Chavez High School backs up to Berry Gully on Simms Bayou. So, after running the teens through the anger education curriculum, it was time to test the waters of Berry Gully. At first, it seemed that fishing the bayou, since its bottom structure is unpredictable, might be unproductive, but when we arrived there early in the morning to set up, we were met by a wide, deep cut of water that was begging to be fished.

Unsure of what fish the bayou would produce, we rigged up dead shrimp, hot dogs, liver and night crawlers. Sure enough, the first fish caught was a small sunfish, predictable and expected. However, the next few fish were freshwater drum followed by a number of catfish of all types (blue, channel and flathead). When the day heated up and the fishing slowed down, several kids had fun landing blue crabs.

Most of the students had never been fishing before. And although they enjoyed the classroom portion of the course (especially casting), they got hooked when they saw the fish that they pulled out of the bayou.

Several students caught their first fish and created some lasting memories both for themselves and for staff who were helping. One boy who acted as if he wasn't interested in fishing caught the only redfish landed that day, and immediately changed his outlook and began to fish in earnest. Was he just afraid of baiting his own hook at first?

Another memorable moment came at the end of the last class when several girls began screaming. Since they had screamed several times before due to insects, it wasn't until we realized that one of the girls had caught a big fish that we paid attention. All the fish caught that day were small enough to pull up the steep bank on eight-pound line. But this eight-pound cat had to be worked down the bayou to a place where we could get it out of the water by hand. All the students watched with excitement when they saw the big cat surface. Joy and excitement lit up the eyes of the young angler; but being a shy high-schooler, she didn't want to be the center of attention.

A successful, unexpected day of fishing in a new, untouched location ended. But, this spring also marked the beginning of a collaboration to take archery, fishing and boating education to all of the HISD high schools ... and who knows where else!

Welcome to Fly Fishing Clubs Joining our Ranks

Montgomery County Flyrodders, San Gabriel Flyfishers

"We are a small group of fly fishers sharing a common passion, Fly Fishing. Our meetings and outings are relaxed, informative and enjoyable for all regardless of interests. We purpose to promote the sport of fly fishing especially in, but not limited to, Southeast Texas, to work for the betterment of the public fishery, to advocate conservation as it applies to fly fishing, to promote campaigns against practices detrimental to fly fishing and for practices beneficial to fly fishing and to encourage and assist interested persons, especially youth within the local community, to become fly fishers."

<http://montgomerycountyflyrodders.com>

Our network of volunteers continues to grow with several fly fishing enthusiasts, representing well-established Texas fly fishing clubs, joining our ranks. Early this year, Mark Riddell, President of Montgomery County Flyrodders and our own Kevin Cunningham met at an Angler Education event, quickly established a common interest and began collaborating with one another and with staff from TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division to connect the club with TPWD fisheries biologists. The club was working with Montgomery County to set up designated public fly fishing areas along the Spring Creek Corridor. With that initiative still in the works, Kevin attended a club meeting and made a short presentation to its members, a dozen of whom became certified TPWD Fly Fishing Instructors in February. Having already taught a Basic Fly Fishing course and scheduled another one in the fall, the Montgomery County Flyrodders are well on their way to helping establish a strong fly fishing presence in the Houston area.

In Central Texas, we welcome members of the San Gabriel Flyfishers who have been recruited by Dr. Guy Harrison of the Kerrville and Fredricksburg fly fishing clubs. In the process of making a presentation about the program to reintroduce the Guadalupe Bass into the Guadalupe River, Guy also suggested to club president, Randy Johnson, that club members might enjoy using TPWD's fly fishing program to share their love of the sport with others. In March, Guy, along with club members Walter Saunders, Gregory Craig, Gene Smith and John Floyd, certified five of the San Gabriel club members in conjunction with a Basic Fly Fishing course offered to the public at McKinney Falls State Park. With a steady stream of requests for fly fishing instruction and a waiting list for that Basic Fly Fishing course taught at McKinney Falls, club members will not have to wonder if they will have an opportunity to teach. Guy is already looking at a fall date for offering another Basic Fly Fishing class and will be contacting some of these new instructors to help.

Check Out Oktoberfisch!

Looking for a way to learn all about fly fishing or enhance your fly fishing skills? Then Oktoberfisch is for you. Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers, the fifth annual Oktoberfisch is a festival for all levels of fly fishing enthusiasts.

For a nominal fee, participants receive two nights of camping, Saturday boat shuttles, entry to the vendor and education area and all festival activities. Attend casting, fly tying and kayak clinics, stream side lectures and kayak games. Don't have a kayak? No problem; rentals will be available. After the fish stop biting, check out the latest and greatest cool fly gear at the exhibitor booths.

The festivities begin on Friday morning and continue through Sunday at noon, **October 17-19, 2008**. Morgan Shady Park located on the beautiful South Llano River in Junction Texas is the perfect setting for this event.

For more information: Web site: <http://fredericksburgflyfishers.org/oktoberfisch.html>
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Shopping for a Saltwater Fly Rod?

KEVIN CUNNINGHAM – Aquatic Education Specialist, Houston

Shopping for a fly rod can turn out to be a very daunting task. Unlike standard rods, which utilize the weight of the bait to pull line from the spool each cast, the fly cast utilizes the line itself to get where it needs to go. As simple as it sounds in theory, it actually gets very complex. Since the fly cast is where the majority of novices get frustrated, it makes sense that we take extra considerations into account when making a decision, especially when venturing into the saltwater domain.

For most people, saltwater fly fishing will be a next step in the fly fisherman's evolution. That being said, we will assume that people will have at least a minimum of fly casting experience under their belt before going out and purchasing a saltwater set-up. This is important, as it is imperative that consumers cast and compare their rod choices side by side at the fly shop before spending the high dollars that saltwater rods demand.

The main factors that make saltwater fly-fishing more demanding (and exciting) are three-fold: (1) game size, (2) wind, and (3) salt. Each of these factors affect rod construction and push the twig-like fly rod to the limit, thereby driving up the price when compared to equivalent freshwater rods.

The first two factors, wind and game size, make up the bulk of the difference between fresh and saltwater rods and are correlated to one another. The sea offers a bounty of different fish species to pursue, most of which are sizably larger than freshwater species. Whether you will be pursuing bay

species such as redfish, trout and snook, or the more elusive tarpon, bonefish and permit, or even offshore species like tuna, marlin and dolphin, there is a rod for the job.

That being said, the first factor to consider is what type(s) of fish you will be targeting. This will determine the line weight and, respectively, the backbone strength of the rod. Most fly shops will recommend a 9-foot, 8-weight rod as the all-around standard saltwater rod for the average fly fisherman. A good 8-weight rod will be able to handle the usual fish sizes and species that the majority of fly fishermen will pursue, to include: trout, redfish, striped bass, snook, bonefish and "chicken" dolphin. A 9-weight and higher rod will be more suited to larger fish such as tarpon and several offshore species. This is not to say you couldn't purchase one of these for all-around use as well, but as the line weight increases, so does the weight of the rod and, thereby, the strength and energy needed to cast it. Lower weight rods (7-weight and below) can work as well but only on calmer days. If

there is any wind at all, which is usually the case on the coast, you can find yourself more frustrated than thrilled on your day off.

Wind is probably the most challenging factor that affects the unwary fly fisherman. For those of you, like myself, who naively took their freshwater 5-weight down to the beach only to be laughed off the water by wind and wave, you know the difficulty that the wind can pose during a fly cast. Beating the wind is a function of several issues. First, higher line weight is needed to carry better into the wind. More importantly, however, is the action of the rod. Simply having an 8-weight rod won't cut it, since they range in price from a bargain-based \$30 rod to a premium-priced rod upwards of \$800.

Generally speaking, in recent years the increase in price has had more to do with the action of the rod than other factors. Simply put, it takes more design technology to make a thin graphite twig stiffer and more powerful than a steel hanger yet

remain as light and sensitive as a blade of grass. All things being equal, the faster the action of the rod, the better suited it is to punch through the wind. In spite of this, there is a trade-off. The faster the action, the less forgiving the rod is on less-than-perfect casts. Loading an ultra-fast action rod like the Sage TCR (MSRP \$775) takes a lot of power and precision to execute. If done properly, an experienced fly caster can generate super-fast line speeds and shoot a 70-plus-foot cast in gale force winds with minimal false casting. Conversely, an inexperienced fly caster may not even feel the rod load, thereby making it impossible to capitalize on the high-dollar technology. This is why it is imperative that consumers cast and compare the different rods side by side at the local fly shop to make an informed decision—hopefully, with input from an experienced sales rep.

Finally, salt plays a role in the high cost as well. Due to the corrosive saltwater environment, metallic components such as reel seats, guides, and the reel itself must be able to withstand harsh conditions. The standard for corrosion-resistant materials includes anodized aluminum for reels and reel seats, and chromed stainless steel guides on the rod. Although not as impor-

tant a factor as the rod blank itself, skimping on cost in this area is acceptable as long as you make an effort to maintain your equipment.

Cost will ultimately be the balancing factor in the saltwater fly rod equation. One can expect to spend anywhere from \$120 to \$750 for the rod, depending on which models one prefers. In most cases this will include a lifetime warranty. On top of that, expect to spend \$45 to \$65 for a quality fly line and over \$40 for the reel. Balancing cost can be a tough decision. The first area to cut cost should be the reel. Albeit an important component, the rod and line are far more important in terms of casting and fishability. At a minimum, the reel should have an adjustable drag and hold enough backing to handle the fish you are targeting. Subsequently, you might want to consider a large arbor design over standard arbor to increase line retrieve.

Regardless of where you decide to cut cost, whatever you do, don't skimp on the fly line. I cannot count the number of times I've heard of people buying cheap line to save on cost. Cheap fly line is exactly what it is—cheap! A cheap fly line can reduce the casting ability of a great rod, so don't do it.

Plus, a good fly line can last years on end without having to be replaced, even under the most neglectful conditions.

Casting styles will inevitably play the final role in deciding which rod to go with. Overall, you want to find a rod that will not only suit your casting style but also provide years of service without your having to upgrade. Going with a softer rod may save you money, but you'll have to wait for calm days to fish, a rare commodity on the coast. Unfortunately, flat, calm water is not the best water to fish since it is much easier to spook fish both from angler movement (wading/boating) and fly line touchdown. Some chop is preferable to none. Fortunately, most saltwater fish are not leader-shy, so using heavier leaders won't sacrifice presentation.

Following is a table listing several common saltwater rods. This list does not include every rod you could consider, but the most common, including their respective actions. If you need help or have questions on choosing your own saltwater rod, feel free to contact me. I would be glad to help you in any way I can.

8-weight Saltwater Fly Rods by Casting Action (Fastest to Slowest, 9')

	ACTION	WEIGHT (OZ.)	MSRP
Sage TCR	Ultra-Fast	4-1/16	\$775
Sage Xi2 Saltwater	Ultra-Fast	4-1/8	\$660
G. Loomis Cross Current GLX	Ultra-Fast	?	\$635
Temple Fork Outfitters TiCRX	Ultra-Fast	5.4	\$250
G. Loomis Cross Current GL3	Fast	?	\$650
Scott S3S	Fast	4.3	\$625
St. Croix Legend Elite	Fast	4.1	\$470
St. Croix Legend Ultra	Fast	4.1	\$360
Temple Fork Outfitters TiCR	Fast	4.8	\$210
Sage Fli	Medium-Fast	4-1/8	\$305
Sage Launch	Medium-Fast	4-1/16	\$205
Temple Fork Prof. Series	Medium-Fast	4.4	\$150

TFFC EVENT SCHEDULE

- July 4, 2008 **Fireworks at the Fishery** See one of the largest fireworks shows in East Texas. Fireworks begin at dark. Accessible for the mobility, visually and hearing impaired. 5–9:30 p.m.; free admission after 5 p.m. (903) 676-BASS.
- August 2–
October 22, 2008 **Nikon Small World Photo Exhibit** View 20 winning microphotographs from the prestigious Nikon Small World Photo Competition, an international contest featuring photographs taken through microscopes. These images reveal a hidden world too small to be seen without magnification. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Free with admission to the center. (903) 676-BASS.
- October 30, 2008 **Halloween at the Hatchery** Dress your family in their Halloween costumes and come collect goodies from area businesses and organizations. A special children’s area will be located in the Anglers Pavilion. Accessible for the mobility, visually and hearing impaired. 6–8:30 p.m.; admission fee \$1 per person. (903) 676-BASS.

SEA CENTER EVENT SCHEDULE

Aquarium and Hatchery Tours: Every Tuesday through Sunday

Visitor Center hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m.; hatchery tours by reservation only.
Aquarium fish feeding can be viewed on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Sea Center Texas 300 Medical Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas
Free Admission, donations accepted, gift shop located in visitor center
For more information, call (979) 292-0100 or seacenter@tpwd.state.tx.us

- June 30, 2008 **Angler Education Instructor Course** This free workshop is open to anyone 17 or older interested in becoming a Volunteer Angler Education Instructor to teach the basics of fishing in their communities. The program provides the curriculum, equipment, materials and support to help adult volunteers successfully introduce youth and their families to fishing. Participants should wear comfortable clothing for outdoor activities and bring a sack lunch. Accessible for the mobility impaired. 8 a.m.–3 p.m.; preregistration required. To register, contact Patty Cardoza at patty.cardoza@tpwd.state.tx.us or (979) 292-0100.
- August 23, 2008 **Entry-Level Saltwater Fly Fishing Course** This free workshop, sponsored by the Sea Center Fly Fishers, is open to anyone (age 9 or above) interested in fly fishing. Basic elements of the program will include fly tying, fly casting, aquatic ecology, regulations/ethics, saltwater fishing tactics and actual fishing practice. Wear comfortable clothing for outdoor activities and bring a lunch. Accessible for the mobility impaired. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; preregistration required. To register, contact Patty Cardoza at patty.cardoza@tpwd.state.tx.us or (979) 292-0100.
- August 23, 2008 **Fly Fishing Instructor Course** This free workshop is open to anyone 17 or older interested in becoming a Volunteer Fly Fishing Instructor to teach the basics of fishing in their communities. The program provides the curriculum, equipment, materials and support to help adult volunteers successfully introduce youth and their families to fly fishing. Participants should register for the Entry-Level Saltwater Fly Fishing Course on the same day and be prepared to stay another hour to cover additional material. Accessible for the mobility impaired. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; preregistration required. To register, contact Patty Cardoza at patty.cardoza@tpwd.state.tx.us or (979) 292-0100.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT STATE PARKS

Looking for an opportunity to have fun and use your Angler Education Instructor training? Many of the following events would welcome additional volunteers. Please contact the event coordinator or location for more information.

July 2008

Goose Island SP

Pier Fishing with a Ranger

Every Sunday. Bring your rod and reel and join us on the fishing pier to learn the tackle and techniques of fishing in the Texas bays. Loaner fishing tackle will be provided for the first 10 participants. Accessible for the mobility impaired. 10–11 a.m. (361) 729-2858.

July 5 & 19, 2008

Blanco SP

"Learn To Fish" Family Fishing Day!

Learn basic fishing skills and safety through games, booths, and help from fishing experts. Then head down to the river to fish as a family. A limited amount of fishing equipment is available to borrow, or you may bring your own. Open to ages 6 and older. 9 a.m.–noon (830) 833-4333.

July 12, 2008

Buescher SP

Junior Angler Clinic

Learn the fun sport of fishing at this FREE clinic for children ages 6 through 13. All fishing gear provided; parents must accompany their children. Held at the park lake. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (512) 237-2241.

July 12, 2008

Choke Canyon SP/Calliham Unit

"Reel" Family Fishing Fun

Free fishing seminar to introduce youth and their families to the basics of fishing. Learn how to set up basic fishing equipment and how to fish safely and successfully. Experts are ready to help you get started; loaner equipment available. Accessible for the mobility impaired. 9 a.m.–noon; preregistration required. (956) 371-9797 or (361) 786-3868.

July 12, 2008

Eisenhower SP

4-H Kids Fishing Derby

Come and fish beautiful Lake Texoma with the experts for fun, awards and prizes. This is an great way for families to take kids fishing for free with everything provided, including lots of help from expert anglers. Tackle available or bring your own. Accessible for the mobility impaired. Fishing 8 a.m.–noon, prizes and activities noon–2 p.m. (903) 465-1956.

July 18, 2008

Blanco SP

Full-Moon Fish

Come fishing as evening falls and the full moon rises. Learn from experienced instructors about river habitat at night and how to make the most of it for great fishing. A limited amount of fishing equipment is available to borrow or bring your own. Open to ages 6 and older. 7:30–9:30 p.m. (830) 833-4333.

July 19, 2008

Bastrop SP

Junior Angler Clinic

Learn the fun sport of fishing at this FREE clinic for children ages 6 through 13. All fishing gear provided; parents must accompany their children. Held at the pond. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (512) 321-2101.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT STATE PARKS

July 19, 2008

Galveston Island SP

Family Fishing Clinic

Bring the kids and learn how to have fun fishing! All the basics will be taught; then practice what you've learned with hands-on fishing. Call for times and more information. (409) 737-1222.

July 26, 2008

McKinney Falls SP

Family Fishing Fun Day

Celebrate "Free Fishing in State Parks," which means that no fishing licenses are needed inside state parks. This event is more than free fishing; it also features cool prizes, "learn to fish" classes, a fishing derby, and a raffle where fishing equipment and other fun outdoor gear will be given out. 9 a.m.–noon (512) 243-1643.

August 2008

Goose Island SP

Pier Fishing with a Ranger

Every Sunday. Bring your rod and reel and join us on the fishing pier to learn the tackle and techniques of fishing in the Texas bays. Loaner fishing tackle will be provided for the first 10 participants. Accessible for the mobility impaired. 10–11 a.m. (361) 729-2858.

August 2, 2008

Buescher SP

Junior Angler Clinic

Learn the fun sport of fishing at this FREE clinic for children ages 6 through 13. All fishing gear provided; parents must accompany their children. Held at the park lake. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (512) 237-2241.

August 2, 2008

Ray Roberts Lake SP/Johnson Branch Unit

Fish "ON"

Fish have schools and so do anglers! Bring the whole family and learn the basics of fishing with fun, hands-on activities. Then, reel in your limit of fish and fun. Door prizes will be drawn; rods, tackle and bait provided, or bring your own; no fishing license required. Catch you there! 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (940) 637-2294.

August 30, 2008

Purtis Creek SP

Junior Angler Fishing

Kids 6 through 13 learn to fish with hands-on experience. Learn to identify fish and their habitats; practice good water safety and learn to respect the environment. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate. Parents welcome to attend. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; reservations required (903) 425-2332.

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NOTES FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS: WHAT KEEPS OUR BOATS AFLOAT!



Glory Russell's answered prayer.

**From the March 16 edition of the Huntsville newspaper,
by Nanette Craig, about one of our state park fishing
programs**

"We caught a fish and we have never caught a fish before," said excited mom Shari Roberts from The Woodlands.

Roberts, with her husband and twin sons, were camping at the park and plan to come back next month to participate again [in the park's "Learn to Fish" event led by coordinator David Neyses.]

"I've never been fishing and I never wanted to fish, but I like this," said Roberts.

Roberts' son, Evan, caught his first fish with mom's help. She was probably more excited than he was.

**From Clayton Russell
Received via e-mail on April 7**

The picture that I have provided is of my daughter, Glory Russell. This was our first camping trip together after I became a newly single parent. I brought all three of my daughters on this trip to Tyler State Park to get them away from the hustle and bustle of the city during a few days of their Spring Break vacation (March 18–20). All three of them were fishing when it started to rain. I told all of them to reel their lines in so that we could go back to the shelter. Once all of their lines were reeled in, Glory (8 years old) asked me if she could cast it in just one more time; I hesitated due to the increase of rain, but told her to go ahead and cast one more time. She later told me that she prayed that she could catch a fish on that cast. To my surprise, she landed a nice bass. This was the first fish that she ever held with her own hands and was a little leery at first. As you can see by the picture, she got over her hesitation fairly quickly. After the photo, she stated that she wanted to put it back into the water so that other kids could come to Tyler State Park and catch him, too. Needless to say, I took them back to the shelter while feeling extremely proud.

Received April 3 from volunteer Oscar Martinez

I recently completed training for three people, two adults and one minor, in basic fishing. One of the adults has ADD. The minor, an 11-year-old boy, has AD/HD with explosive disorder.

His guardian told me that he has never seen the boy as calm or as happy since he learned to fish and was able to go to the Galveston fishing pier to enjoy a day outdoors fishing. I guess you could say that is my specialty—helping those who need extra training to make their newfound sport enjoyable.

Area Chiefs (new chiefs in bold)

The Area Chiefs listed below are willing to help new instructors.

Team teaching is a great option, so give them a cal or friendly e-mail and ask for help.

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October 4 & 5

9 to 5, Saturday & Sunday

Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters

4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas

To volunteer to help at Expo,
please contact Sara Wernicke at
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Welcome, New Instructors!

January-May, 2008

We encourage you to team up to teach. It's fun, easier, and a great way to support each other.

Just call the Austin office if you would like to team up with one of these new instructors.

If we have accidentally left someone off, please let us know.

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